

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of STACEY MARIE RAYMOND,  
DENISE NICOLE RAYMOND, CUSANDRA  
NYCOLE RAYMOND, and DAKOTA JAMES  
LILES, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,  
  
Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DEANA RAYMOND,  
  
Respondent-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED  
April 13, 2004

No. 252276  
Branch Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 02-002438-NA

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Before: Cavanagh, P.J., and Murphy and Smolenski, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (j). It is unclear from the record whether the trial court additionally relied upon MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) or (ii) in terminating respondent's parental rights. We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that §§ 19b(3)(g) and (j) were established by clear and convincing evidence.<sup>1</sup> MCR 3.977(J); *In re Sours Minors*, 459 Mich 624, 632-633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The evidence established that respondent had located a trailer home by the time of the termination trial that she planned to repair and move into. However, respondent had not yet signed a lease or paid any money toward the home. In addition, the home was in need of extensive repairs and was not suitable for the children at the time of the termination trial. Moreover, the evidence established that respondent still lacked sufficient income to support herself and the children at the time of the termination hearing, that she accomplished very little toward completing the parent/agency

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<sup>1</sup> In light of this finding, it is unnecessary for us to address the trial court's unclear findings with respect to § 19b(3)(c).

agreement, and that she had an extensive history of being neglectful without exhibiting signs that she was prepared to correct her behavior.

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent's parental rights was clearly not in the best interests of the children. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000).

Affirmed.

/s/ Mark J. Cavanagh

/s/ William B. Murphy

/s/ Michael R. Smolenski